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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Divisional of Application Serial No. 09/237,237 of Jean-Pierre BONICEL  
entitled "CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY GASTIGHT METAL  
TUBE RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A  
HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT SUBSTANCE"

Assignee: ALCATEL

Our Reference: Q75737



Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior application Serial No. 09/237,237 (Confirmation No. 9472) filed January 26, 1999, of Jean-Pierre BONICEL entitled "CABLE HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY GASTIGHT METAL TUBE RECEIVING AT LEAST ONE OPTICAL CONDUCTOR AND A HYDROGEN-ABSORBENT SUBSTANCE."

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings illustrating Figs. 1-3, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are: (1) a copy of the Assignment as previously recorded in the parent application on January 26, 1999, at Reel 9730/Frame 0968, and (2) an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Sang H. Nguyen in Group Art Unit 2877.

**Please amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line on page 1:**

--This is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/237,237 filed January 26, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.**



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Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	98 00 770	January 26, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Serial No. 09/237,237 on January 26, 1999.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows, after entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment:

Total claims	<u>7</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>0</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>0</u>
Base Fee									\$750.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b><u>\$750.00</u></b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees (except the Issue Fee and/or the Publication Fee) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

This application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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